Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, 23.6 million Americans, including 53,432 good citizens of South Dakota, have diabetes, a serious disease that has no cure; and,

Whereas, Diabetes is the seventh deadliest disease in the United States and South Dakota; and,

Whereas, An estimated 17.9 million Americans have been diagnosed (39,344 South Dakotans); unfortunately, 5.7 million people (or one-third) (13,155 South Dakotans) are unaware they have the disease. More than 233,619 Americans each year will die from its complications. In 2007, 246 South Dakotans died; and,

Whereas, People whose diabetes goes undiagnosed and untreated are subject to any of its life-threatening complications, such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and leg or foot amputations; and,

Whereas, An increase in community awareness of diabetes, its human impact, and the work of the American Diabetes Association, may stimulate public action to increase research toward a cure and encourage better treatments for people with diabetes until that cure is found:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2009, as

THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION'S AMERICA'S WALK FOR DIABETES DAY

in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens to participate in this walk to help raise awareness and fight diabetes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State